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Encl: (1) Command Mission and Organization
(2) Chronology for 1997
(3) Command History Narrative
(4) Supporting Documents

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.


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COMMAND MISSION

FAHRION's mission is to train her active duty personnel and selected reservists as a team to maintain full combat readiness. FAHRION routinely deploys from her home port to accomplish this and other missions, such as counter-narcotics operations, enforcement of United Nations sanctions, aircraft carrier escort duties, and port visits promoting naval recruiting and fostering public goodwill. FAHRION is often called upon to perform such missions on short notice and without Selected Reserve augmentation. Other missions include providing self-defense while protecting underway replenishment groups, amphibious forces and merchant shipping against subsurface, air and surface threats, and conducting prompt and sustained undersea warfare operations in conjunction with other sea control forces tasked to ensure friendly use of vital sea lanes of communication.

FAHRION is assigned to Destroyer Squadron Six, CAPT J.W. Young Jr., USNR, commanding, and is homeported in Mayport, Florida.

ORGANIZATION

Commanding Officer:	CDR Robert L. Cullinan, USN
Executive Officer:	LCDR Russell P. Luehrsen, USN
Chief Engineer:	LCDR (b) (6), USN
Combat Systems Officer:	LT (b) (6), USN
Operations Officer:	LT (b) (6), USN
Supply Officer:	LTJG (b) (6) SC, USN
Command Senior Chief:	SKCS(SW) Rodney Hamann, USNR-TAR
SELRES Coordinator:	CDR (b) (6), USNR
SELRES Administrator:	LCDR (b) (6), USNR

USS FAHRION (FFG 22) SCHEDULE

01JAN-05JAN	INPORT for Holiday Leave and Upkeep
06JAN-20JAN	INPORT for Tailored Ship Training Availability (TSTA) II with CSTG and Upkeep
11JAN-12JAN	Naval Reserve Training (NRT) Weekend
21JAN-26JAN	UNDERWAY for TSTA II with CSTG and NRT Weekend
27JAN-17FEB	INPORT for Upkeep
27JAN-31JAN	Shipboard Explosive Safety Inspection (SESI) and Surface Warfare Training Week (SWTW) 01-97
27JAN-07FEB	Shipboard Instrumentation Systems Calibration (SISCAL)
10FEB-14FEB	CSTG Limited Training Team (LTT) with 20B5 Van
11FEB-13FEB	Reserve Administration and Training Examination (RATE) Assist
18FEB-21FEB	UNDERWAY for TSTA III with Integrated Training Team (ITT)
22FEB-28FEB	INPORT for Upkeep
27FEB-28FEB	Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ)
01MAR-02MAR	UNDERWAY for NRT Weekend with SELRES CIC and Flightdeck Functional Teams
03MAR	INPORT for Upkeep
04MAR-07MAR	UNDERWAY for Final Evaluation Period (FEP)
08MAR-24MAR	INPORT for Upkeep
17MAR-19MAR	Environmental Health Inspection
22MAR-23MAR	NRT Weekend
24MAR	Environmental Health Inspection
25MAR	UNDERWAY for PCO Demonstration
26MAR-30MAR	INPORT for Upkeep
28MAR	Change of Command
31MAR-08APR	UNDERWAY for CVN Escort Operations with USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)
09APR-11APR	INPORT for Upkeep
12APR-13APR	UNDERWAY for NRT Weekend
14APR-02MAY	INPORT for Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV) with SIMA Mayport
03MAY-04MAY	UNDERWAY for NRT Weekend
05MAY-11MAY	INPORT for Upkeep
12MAY-16MAY	INPORT for Naval Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) pre-decommissioning Material Inspection
17MAY-30MAY	INPORT for Upkeep and Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV)
27MAY-30MAY	RATE Decom Audit
31MAY	UNDERWAY for NRT Employer and Family Cruise
01JUN	INPORT for NRT Weekend
02JUN-12JUN	INPORT for Preparation for Overseas Movement (POM) and IMAV

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<u>13JUN-11SEP</u>	<u>Great Lakes Cruise '97</u>
13JUN-18JUN	UNDERWAY ENR Halifax, Nova Scotia
13JUN	Deck Landing Qualifications (DLQs) JAXOA
17JUN	POMCERT for USS Miami NARRBAY OPAREA
18JUN-19JUN	INPORT Overnight Halifax, Nova Scotia (Fuel)
19JUN-21JUN	UNDERWAY ENR Quebec City, Quebec
21JUN-24JUN	INPORT Quebec City, Quebec for Port Visit
24JUN	UNDERWAY ENR Montreal, Quebec
24JUN-25JUN	INPORT Overnight Montreal, Quebec (Crew Rest)
25JUN	UNDERWAY ENR Ogdensburg, NY (transit 7 locks of the St. Lawrence Seaway)
26JUN-29JUN	INPORT Ogdensburg, NY for Port Visit
29JUN	UNDERWAY ENR Port Weller, Ontario
29JUN-30JUN	INPORT Overnight Port Weller, Ontario (Crew Rest)
30JUN	UNDERWAY ENR Port Colborne, Ontario (transit 8 locks of the Welland Canal)
30JUN-01JUL	INPORT Overnight Port Colborne, Ontario (Crew Rest)
01JUL	UNDERWAY ENR Cleveland, OH and Daysail
01JUL-07JUL	INPORT Cleveland, OH for Port Visit
07JUL	UNDERWAY ENR Sarnia, Ontario
07JUL-10JUL	INPORT Sarnia, Ontario (Fuel/Crew Rest)
10JUL	UNDERWAY ENR Sault Ste Marie, MI
10JUL-11JUL	INPORT Overnight Sault Ste Marie, MI (Crew Rest)
11JUL	UNDERWAY ENR Duluth, MN (transit Soo Lock)
11JUL-16JUL	INPORT Duluth, MN for Port Visit
15JUL-16JUL	UNDERWAY for Daysail and ENR Sault Ste Marie, MI (transit Soo Lock)
16JUL-21JUL	INPORT Sault Ste Marie, MI for Port Visit
21JUL	UNDERWAY ENR St Ignace, MI with Daysail in Transit
21JUL-22JUL	INPORT Overnight St Ignace, MI (Crew Rest)
22JUL	UNDERWAY ENR Muskegon, MI - Daysail in Transit
22JUL-28JUL	INPORT Muskegon, MI for Port Visit
23JUL-24JUL	Material Inspection by Egyptian Navy Delegation
28JUL	UNDERWAY ENR Milwaukee, WI and DLQs with USCG HH-65
28JUL-03AUG	INPORT Milwaukee, WI for Port Visit
29JUL	UNDERWAY for Daysail
03AUG	UNDERWAY ENR Chicago, IL with Daysail in Transit and on Arrival
03AUG-11AUG	INPORT Chicago, IL for Port Visit
11AUG-13AUG	UNDERWAY ENR Erie, PA with DLQs with USCG HH-65s
12AUG	Brief Stop for Fuel (BSF), Sarnia, Ontario
13AUG-19AUG	INPORT Erie, PA for Port Visit
14AUG	UNDERWAY for Daysail
19AUG-20AUG	UNDERWAY ENR Oswego, NY and Daysail on Arrival
19AUG	Transit 8 locks of the Welland Canal
20AUG-25AUG	INPORT Oswego, NY for Port Visit
25AUG	UNDERWAY ENR Ogdensburg, NY
25AUG-26AUG	INPORT Overnight Ogdensburg, NY (Crew Rest)
26AUG	UNDERWAY ENR Montreal, Quebec (transit 7 locks of the St. Lawrence Seaway)
26AUG-30AUG	INPORT Montreal, Quebec for Port Visit
30AUG-03SEP	UNDERWAY ENR Yorktown, VA
03SEP-05SEP	INPORT Yorktown, VA (Ammo Onload)
05SEP-09SEP	INPORT Norfolk, VA (Fuel/Liberty)
09SEP-11SEP	UNDERWAY ENR Mayport, FL

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11SEP-05OCT	INPORT Mayport, FL for Post Deployment Leave and Upkeep
06OCT-23OCT	INPORT for IMAV with SIMA Mayport, FL
24OCT	UNDERWAY ENR Ft Lauderdale, FL
25OCT-28OCT	INPORT Ft Lauderdale, FL for Port Visit
29OCT-30OCT	UNDERWAY ENR Tampa, FL
31OCT-03NOV	INPORT Tampa, FL for Port Visit and NRT Weekend
04NOV-05NOV	UNDERWAY ENR Pascagoula, MS and DLQs with US OH-58s
06NOV-09NOV	INPORT Pascagoula, MS for CDS-6 Visit
10NOV-12NOV	UNDERWAY ENR Mayport, FL
13NOV-30NOV	INPORT for Upkeep
22NOV-23NOV	NRT Weekend
01DEC-16DEC	INPORT Mayport, FL for PRESTRIKE
17DEC	UNDERWAY for Daysail for Egyptian Navy Demos
18DEC-31DEC	INPORT Mayport, FL for Holiday Leave and Upkeep

COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE

January 97

This first month of 1997 was an intense period of training for the CIC and Combat Systems teams. After completing an abbreviated Holiday Leave and Upkeep period on the 5th, FAHRION jumped into 2 continuous weeks of inport training with CSTG Mayport, including an inport NRT weekend. The daily schedule consisted of 2 three hour CSTT drill sets focusing on USW and SUW tactics, HARPOON engagement planning and loaded with air engagements for distraction. The briefs, debriefs, and planning for the next day's events in addition to the normal inport weekly routine made for some very long days. During the following week, CSTG got underway with FAHRION, again observing our CSTT impose challenging scenarios, but with the added realism of actually maneuvering the ship with full rudders at flank bells. A successful DTE, 76mm towed-sled shoot and CIWS TDU shoot validated the training. The final week of the month was not a respite for the Gunners as the SESI team came aboard and certified the ship safe with respect to ordnance. The rest of the ship fought a good fight against a full basin in SWTW 1-97, but did not come up with any departmental flags despite their valiant efforts. As if these two events were not enough, FAHRION commenced SISCAL to be completed the first week of February.

February 97

In order to obtain the most effective training possible prior to the upcoming FEP and CMTQ, the 20B5 van was arranged for the second week of February. As the simulated missiles flew, the RATE team thoroughly reviewed SELRES Admin and Medical records in preparation for a future pre-decommissioning audit. Underway again the third week of the month, FAHRION went to war in TSTA III, defending the tiny nation of Libertad. During the week with ATG observers, Tenacious 22 proved herself capable of unmatched ingenuity and flexibility by imposing extremely challenging drills such as a mass casualty drill in CIC and a pre-dawn underway from anchorage using duty section personnel only. With one week inport prior to FEP, FAHRION kept up the intensity by completing a flawless CMTQ the final two days of the month.

March 97

With a NRT weekend the first days of the month to warm-up, FAHRION was operating at maximum intensity in preparation for FEP. Once again, the tiny nation of Libertad was torn by internal conflict and FAHRION was sortied from port. Driven from her offshore anchorage by a rebel Libertad Coast Guard boat, the ship proceeded through 4 days of continuously escalating conflicts until the signing of a peace treaty on Friday, 7 March. The victorious crew of the mighty FAHRION then finally partook in some well deserved liberty in Libertad and celebrated a special FAHRION holiday the following Monday. The observers for ATG Norfolk were duly impressed with the ship's unquenchable spirit and unstoppable drive. Perhaps some of the highest praise came from several of the evaluators who discovered at the outbrief

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that FAHRION is a Naval Reserve Force ship with only 75% of the manning of other FFGs. Additionally, the ship received word that she was COMDESRON SIX's Battle 'E' winner for 1996.

The rest of the month was not spent resting on our laurels: Change of Command was set for 28 March, and there was much to accomplish before the PCO arrived - cleaning, preservation, Environmental Health Inspection, and the installation of a 440 VAC salt water cooled ice-cream machine. The crew was exercised underway 25 March to demonstrate the ship and crew's abilities. The ship was full dressed and the starboard side lined stem to stern with bunting for the special day. All was ready when CDR Robert L. Cullinan relieved CDR David Morel in a formal ceremony held on the flightdeck. The guest speaker was CAPT John W. Young, Jr., Commander, Destroyer Squadron SIX. Cake and newly made ice cream were served on the mess decks for all hands and their guests.

April 97

Not content to remain in port, FAHRION was underway 31 March for 10 days of escort duties with USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN-73), including a Refueling at Sea from the carrier on 3 April. With INSURV rapidly approaching, the time in planeguard station was spent training, reviewing programs, and planning for the pre-INSURV IMAV, as well as the requisite dose of sight-seeing. A high-powered airpower demonstration on the final day of duties observed from only 500 yards off the carrier's port quarter was a special treat for the crew.

FAHRION was underway again for a NRT weekend only 3 days after returning to Mayport. However, the operational pace soon slowed a bit with the start of a 3 week IMAV with SIMA Mayport. Although no major projects were scheduled, a multitude of minor repairs were on the list for correction prior to INSURV and the upcoming Great Lakes Cruise.

May 97

After wrapping up the brief maintenance period, another beginning-of-the-month NRT weekend shook the dust off the underway skills. The second week of the month was spent in dress rehearsals and final touch-ups for the INSURV inspection 12-16 May. The review was thorough, and in the end FAHRION scored another win - the board noted fewer discrepancies aboard than on any other Decommissioning Material Inspection. Focus then shifted fully to the upcoming deployment. Another IMAV was arranged with SIMA Mayport to finish jobs not completed prior to INSURV and to get some cosmetic work done before opening the ship up to the large number of visitors expected on the Great Lakes Cruise. The month ended with a dress rehearsal of the planned daysail schedule put on for the benefit of family members and SELRES employers. FAHRION put to sea, conducted a full power run, a crashback and man-overboard drill, demonstrated the CIWS and MK-13 launcher movements, and served grilled hot dogs and hamburgers at a flight deck picnic. The day was truly enjoyed by all.

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June 97

FAHRION rolled into June with an inport NRT weekend day on Sunday, then started a short Preparation for Overseas Movement (POM) period. While finishing up the IMAV, emphasis was placed on perfecting the ship's appearance while also maximizing time with families and loved ones. The final stores onloads were completed the week of 9 June, including vast amounts of Navy memorabilia to be sold during the numerous port visits to come. Several special guests boarded on the 12th for the transit to Halifax, Nova Scotia: the Egyptian Navy Prospective Commanding Officer, Executive Officer and Combat Systems/Operations Officer.

Finally, 13 June arrived and FAHRION departed her homeport for a three month odyssey. Immediately after securing sea and anchor detail, flight quarters was set for DLQs with HS-75, the first of many ship wide evolutions during the transit to Halifax, Nova Scotia. A mechanical failure during a PACFIRE of the 76mm gun necessitated a quick run into Norfolk VA on Sunday the 15th; while FAHRION held position off ERB 3, the RHIB made the short run to pier 2 where crew members of sister ship USS CLARK waited with the necessary part. Transfer completed, FAHRION put to sea and slipped back into holiday routine for a flight deck picnic. The ship test fired the 76mm gun the next day to verify repairs. Further along on the transit, the ship acted as a target ship for the POMCERT of USS MIAMI. The final 36 hours prior to Halifax was spent at low visibility detail in dense fog. Sighs of relief were issued when the pier was at last sighted 50 yards to port.

June - August 97

A day-by-day summary of events for the period 18 June - 30 August is included in USS FAHRION's Great Lakes Cruise 1997 Lessons Learned, provided as attachment 3 of enclosure (4).

September 97

During the transit home, FAHRION concentrated on underway training, having gone without open ocean steaming time for nearly 3 months. In addition to watchstation exercises and drills, weapons handling procedures were reviewed. After pulling into Yorktown VA, combat systems department went to work preparing to offload nearly all remaining ammunition and missiles. The next day the evolution was completed without incident. FAHRION then moved over to Norfolk Naval Station for a weekend of rest and final sprucing up for the homecoming. Buoy STJ was a welcome sight on 11 September as FAHRION returned home, having steamed some 7500 miles, nearly 2000 of which were in restricted waters, and having hosted almost 79,000 visitors in 18 U.S. and Canadian ports. The rest of the month was spent getting reacquainted with family and friends.

October 97

Decommissioning preparations moved into high gear in October. Many challenges lay ahead with the impending transfer of the ship to the Arab Republic of Egypt. Plans were

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solidified, cultural awareness training held, and equipment which would not be given to the Egyptian Navy was removed. Schedules were accelerated when FAHRION was tasked with high visibility port visits requiring three more weeks out of homeport. A pre-decom IMAV was wrapped up a day early as FAHRION got underway on the 24th for a 4 day visit to Ft Lauderdale, FL. Another 2 days underway were utilized conducting burials at sea and training for warfare qualifications. FAHRION then arrived in Tampa, FL on Halloween for a 3 day visit in support of the homecoming celebration of the Admiral Farragut Academy.

November 97

While inport Tampa the first days of the month, FAHRION's SELRES detachment traveled south from Orlando to conduct an inport NRT weekend. Underway again on the 4th, the ship conducted more BECCes, a Main Space Fire Drill, and then DLQs with OH-58 AHIPs from Pensacola, FL. The 6th found FAHRION entering Pascagoula, MS for a weekend visit with our ISIC, COMDESRON SIX. Highlights were a ship's picnic on the Naval Station and an award ceremony in which CAPT Young presented several awards earned by the crew during Great Lakes Cruise. Many crew members tried their luck at several of the casinos in nearby Biloxi, MS.

Prior to getting underway for the final return trip to Mayport, the Egyptian Navy (EN) prospective CO, XO, and CSO/OPS officer again joined the ship as well as the EN supply officer. The upcoming transfer became more real as the future command group toured the ship and spoke with the crew, observing every evolution and asking countless questions. BECCes were conducted and another burial at sea was held enroute Mayport.

The third week of the month brought inspectors from NAVSEA, NSWC, and NAVSESS for equipment configuration validation and technical manual inventories. Representatives from Navy International Programs Office (NAVIPO) and Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field Activity (NETSAFA) briefed the plans and progress of the decommissioning and transfer process. A Work Definition Conference for the post decommissioning dry docking shipyard availability was also held with representatives from BAV Corporation and Deytens Shipyards. The berthing barge arrived to house EN personnel who were now arriving in large groups.

December 97

By the end of the first week of December, 180 Egyptian Navy personnel had reported to Mayport. The US crew continued decommissioning preparations and commenced training the EN crew in damage control principles and equipment, space familiarization and basic safety standards. A day sail demonstration reminiscent of the Great Lakes Cruise was conducted on the 17th with all EN personnel onboard. The crew heard a new sound as announcements were passed on the 1MC in Arabic for the first time. The year came to a close with a holiday leave and upkeep period, with nearly half the crew on leave and the other half conducting in-rate and damage control demonstrations for their EN counterparts.



COMMANDER ROBERT L. CULLINAN

United States Navy

Commander Rob Cullinan is a native of (b) (6) Maryland and received his commission in 1977 through the NROTC Scholarship Program upon graduation from The Citadel with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. He served his initial sea tour as Electrical Officer, Gunnery Officer and later as First Lieutenant of the Frigate **USS CAPODANNO (FF 1093)** where he qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer and completed deployments to the Mediterranean Sea, South America and North Atlantic. His second duty assignment was as Communications Officer on the Ammunition Stores Ship **USS SANTA BARBARA (AE 28)** where he made two combined Mediterranean Sea / Indian Ocean deployments. After completing Surface Ship Department Head School in 1983, he returned to sea as Ship Control Department Head and Operations Officer in the Guided Missile Frigate **USS DUNCAN (FFG 10)** from December 1983 to December 1985. This assignment was followed by a second department head tour as Operations Officer aboard the Guided Missile Destroyer **USS PREBLE (DDG 46)** where he made a combined Black Sea / Mediterranean Sea deployment.

In November 1987, Commander Cullinan reported to his first shore duty assignment on the staff of Commander, Surface Warfare Development Group, Little Creek VA as a Tactics Development Officer where he was responsible for the development of tactical doctrine for the effective employment of surface combatant weapon systems. Upon completion of Prospective Executive Officer School in November 1990, he reported as Executive Officer of the Guided Missile Frigate **USS NICHOLAS (FFG 47)** in the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Shield. During this tour, he participated in Operation Desert Storm combat operations against Iraq and was designated qualified for command.

Commander Cullinan next served on the staff of Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, as Force Readiness Assessment Officer from June 1992 through February 1995. His most recent shore duty assignment was at Fleet Combat Training Center, Atlantic, Dam Neck, VA where he served as the Executive Officer for Dam Neck Base as well as the Training Center from March 1995 to September 1996. He reported to his current assignment as Commanding Officer of the Guided Missile Frigate **USS FAHRION (FFG 22)** in March 1997.

Commander Cullinan's awards include the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", the Meritorious Service Medal (second award), the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (third award), the Combat Action Ribbon and various unit and campaign awards. He is married to the former (b) (6) of (b) (6) RI. They have four children; (b) (6) and reside in (b) (6) VA.